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Commissioners
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Rulemaking to Amend Existing Rules and/or Establish New Rules Regarding the Commissions Requirements for Applications Requesting Approval to Obtain a New Certificate of Convenience and Necessity or Extend an Existing Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for Water and Sewer Utilities, Docket Nos. RW-00000B-07-0051 and RSW-00000A-07-0051.

Dear Commissioners:

The City of Avondale submits this letter in support of the Comments of the City of Surprise filed on January 10, 2008 concerning the proposed changes to the existing water and sewer rules, submitted to the Commission by Staff on January 2, 2008, which will be considered by the Commission at open meeting on January 15 and 16, 2008.

The City of Avondale, like Surprise, believes that amending the proposed rules to require applicants to provide a "notice of application" to any municipality near the area under application is in the public's best interest. Such notice will ensure that municipalities promptly learn of all applications that may affect the municipality's current and future citizens and will be positioned to provide the Commission with any relevant information concerning the area to be served (such as whether the City expects to annex the area in the immediately future and/or is capable of serving the area itself). Facilitating such communication between all interested parties can only improve the Commission's decision making process. For this reason, we strongly encourage the Commission to adopt the proposed revision.

Very Truly Yours,

Charles P. McClendon
City Manager

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